

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-36 are rejected. No claims are amended herein.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings in the outstanding Office Action mailed April 22, 2004. The drawings have been amended in a manner so as to obviate the Examiner's objections (see attached amendment). It should be appreciated that region 201 is clearly identified in Figure 5. Consequently, the Applicants request the withdrawal of the existing drawing objections.

Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification in the outstanding Office Action. The specification has been amended in a manner so as to obviate the cited objections (see attached amendment). Consequently, the Applicants request the withdrawal of the outstanding objections to the specification.

112 Rejections

Claims have been amended herein to obviate the rejection of Claims 3-6, 9, 12-15, 18, 21-24, 27, 30-33 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. 112. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 21-24, 27, 30-33 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. 112.

102 Rejection

Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Spencer (U.S. Patent No. 6,356,909). The Applicant has reviewed the cited reference and respectfully submits that the present invention as is recited in Claims 1-36 is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Spencer.

The Examiner is respectfully directed to independent Claim 1, which recites that embodiments of the present invention are directed to a method for generating a plurality of templates:

... displaying to the user said selected template, wherein said selected template enables a user to select said sections, sub-sections and fields for inclusion in a particular document to be built, and said selected template enables a user to select the sequence of said sections, sub-sections, and fields in said particular document to be built.

Claims 10, 19 and 28 contain limitations similar to those of Claim 1.

Claims 2-9, 11-18, 20-27 and 29-36 depend from Claims 1, 10, 19 and 28 respectively and recite further limitations of the invention.

Spencer does not anticipate or render obvious a method for generating a plurality of templates that include “displaying to the user said selected template, wherein said selected template enables a user to select said sections, sub-sections and fields for inclusion in a particular document to be built” as is recited in Claim 1 (claims 10, 19 and 28 recite similar limitations). Spencer only shows a web based system for managing a request for proposal and responses. It should be noted that

Spencer discloses employing template sections of the same basic type for presenting subject matter of different types. By contrast, the embodiment of the Applicant's invention that is set forth in Claim 1 requires that users be enabled to select different types of template sections for inclusion in the document that is built. In fact nowhere in the Spencer reference is there taught or suggested displaying to a user a selected template wherein the selected template enables a user to select sections, sub-sections and fields for inclusion in a document that is under construction. Consequently, the embodiments of the Applicant's invention as are set forth in Claims 1, 10, 19 and 28 are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Spencer.

Accordingly, the Applicant also respectfully submits that Ichikawa et al. and Kita et al. either alone or in combination, do not anticipate or render obvious the present claimed invention as is recited in Claim 4 dependent on Claim 1 and Claim 28 dependent on Claim 25 and that these Claims overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

Conclusion

In light of the above-listed remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the remaining Claims.

The Examiner is urged to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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